Alternative Energy
Finance and Incentives

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Incentives

- Grants
- Utility Incentives
- Tax Credits
- Loans
Grants

➢ USDA REAP

➢ 25% Project Cost
  • Energy Conservation
  • Renewable Energy
  • Ag Producers, Rural Small Businesses
  • Not for residential use
Utility Incentives

- Always check with your local utility first!
  - Interconnection guidelines
  - Incentives

- Net Metering
Tax Credits

Federal

- Energy conservation
  - Ended in 2013

- Renewable
  - Solar pv & thermal
  - Small wind
  - Geothermal **
  - 30%, no cap
  - Sunset 2016
State Tax Credits

- For Individuals Only
- Energy Conservation
  - 25%, $500 max
  - Per taxpayer
  - Cannot carry forward
- Renewable Energy
  - $500 per taxpayer
  - Individual system
  - Carry forward
Loans

- Alternative Energy Revolving Loan Program
  - Eligible entities
  - 3.25% 2014
  - $40,000 max
  - 10 Year term
  - Energy conservation 20% of loan

- USDA Loan Guarantees
Resources

- www.energizemontana.com
- www.montanarenewables.org
- www.montanagreenpower.com
- www.dsireusa.org
- www.rurdev.usda.gov/mt
- www.nabcep.org
- www.northwesternenergy.com